

II. The information collection(s) listed below have been submitted to OMB:

1. *Disability Report—0960-0573*. The information collected on Form SSA-3368-F6 is needed for the determination of disability by the State DDSs. The information will be used to develop medical evidence and to assess the alleged disability. The respondents are applicants for disability benefits.

Number of Respondents: 2,438,496.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated annual Burden: 1,828,872 hours.

2. *Work History Report—0960-0572*. The information collected on Form SSA-3369-F6 is needed for the determination of disability by the State DDSs. The information will be used to document an individual's past work history. The respondents are applicants for OASDI and SSI benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,000,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated annual Burden: 500,000 hours.

3. *Medical History and Disability Report, Disabled Child—0960-0574*. The information collected on Form SSA-3820-F4 is needed for the determination of disability by the State DDSs to obtain various types of information about a child's condition, his/her treating sources and/or other medical sources of evidence. The respondents are SSI claimants who are applying for disabled child's benefits.

Number of Respondents: 523,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated annual Burden: 174,333 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503

(SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Finding Regarding the Social Insurance System of The Czech Republic

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Finding Regarding the Social Insurance System of The Czech Republic.

FINDING: Section 202(t)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(1)) prohibits payment of monthly benefits to any individual who is not a United States citizen or national for any month after he or she has been outside the United States for 6 consecutive months, and prior to the first month thereafter for all of which, the individual has been in the United States. This prohibition does not apply to such an individual where one of the exceptions described in sections 202(t)(2) through 202(t)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)-(5)) affects his or her case.

Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act provides that, subject to certain residency requirements of section 202(t)(11), the prohibition against payment shall not apply to any individual who is a citizen of a country which the Commissioner of Social Security finds has in effect a social insurance system which is of general application in such country and which:

- (a) pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and
- (b) permits individuals who are United States citizens but not citizens of that country and who qualify for such benefits to receive those benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, while outside the foreign country regardless of the duration of the absence.

The Commissioner of Social Security has delegated the authority to make such a finding to the Associate Commissioner for International Policy. Under that authority, the Associate Commissioner for International Policy has approved a finding that the Czech Republic, as of January 1, 1993, has a social insurance system of general application which:

- (a) pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and
- (b) permits United States citizens who are not citizens of the Czech Republic

and who qualify for the relevant benefits to receive those benefits, or their actuarial equivalent, while outside of the Czech Republic, regardless of the duration of the absence of these individuals from the Czech Republic.

Accordingly, it is hereby determined and found that the Czech Republic has in effect, as of January 1, 1993, a social insurance system which meets the requirements of section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)).

This is our first finding under section 202(t) of the Social Security Act for the Czech Republic. Before January 1993, the United States did not recognize the Czech Republic as an independent nation. Czechoslovakia divided into two separate states, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, on January 1, 1993. At that time, and until January 1996, the Czech Republic continued to use the old Czechoslovak social insurance system which was determined to meet the provisions of Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act on July 1, 1968. The Czech Republic also considered itself bound by the Diplomatic Notes on reciprocity of payments that were exchanged between the United States and Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the addendum in 1969.

The new social insurance law, the Pension Insurance Act, entered into force in the Czech Republic on January 1, 1996. Prior to that date, Czech citizens met an exception under the provisions of section 202(t)(2) based on the old Czechoslovak law that was still in effect.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Powers, Room 1104, West High Rise Building, P.O. Box 17741, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3568.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance)

Dated: October 24, 1997.

James A. Kissko,

Associate Commissioner for International Policy.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Senior Executive Service; Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership.